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WHAT ARE YOU LOOKING AT? - Dawson Marcynuik, 6, hangs on his grandparents' 1939 Fargo as passersby take a look. Over 250 machines were on display at the 18th annual Show n' Shine last Saturday. For more on the show see pg 8.



## Lions give food bank clients new wheels

BY TAMARA CUNNINGHAM

The Didsbury Lions Club could start shuttling the hungry to the Mountain View Food Bank each Tuesday if the need is great enough.

They suspect it is

The food bank has handed out 160 hampers to people in the Didsbury area since January, up from 92 during the same time in 2009 – a 74 per cent spike. And while most people have been able to find a ride to Olds to pick up the baskets, there are the occasional few who've had to have the food delivered or ask for a ride from others in the community.
"The Mountain View Food Bank is open to everyone in this

area and yet we hear it's not always accessible for people beyond Olds," said Maurice Buffel, a Lions Club member. "We want to fill that need, whatever it is."

The Lions put an advertisement in the paper last week, oping to gauge how many would use the shuttle service to Olds. It would be free in the interim and funded later through a transportation grant.

Colin Creighton, pastor at the Zion Evangelical Missionary Church has been offering to drive residents to the food bank for three years and applauds the Lions for considering the bus service.

"We would definitely encourage people to utilize it I think the need for something like this is growing."

Three years ago when the church first offered to drive peo-ple to the food bank, few used the service. Most people had already arranged rides with family or friends. But the need

for charity seems to have picked up.

The benevolent or Good Samaritan money at the church was requested by 33 to 34 people over a span of three months; this year the church is getting that many each week.

It's "shocking" Creighton said.
"I think the economy is still affecting people out there they are facing eviction because they can't afford rent or don't have enough groceries in the house after losing their job - and they are turning to us to help in this difficult time.

Creighton has driven an average of one family a month to

Fred Hansen, a director of the Mountain View Food Bank, sn't sure what the uptake will be for the Lions' bus service

but believes two to three people could hop on each Tuesday. The Didsbury resident has also taken people to the food bank and says there could be others who require help but aren't sure who to ask.

"People who don't own cars have until 2 p.m. to find some-one to take them into Olds and that isn't always possible. It would be nice to have something more consistent for peo-ple," he said.

The Didsbury Lions Club has been shuttling seniors throughout town for the last  $30\ \mathrm{years}$  but is reconsidering who they offer the bus to.

It costs \$20,000 each year to run the elderly to local clin ics, shops and recreation programs. Passengers pay a \$3 rider fee to contribute about \$5,000 – not nearly enough to cover the cost of operating the bus. The club, which averages 15 passengers a week, is now looking to other community

groups to help fill the funding gap.

They have rebranded the handi-bus to a "community shuttle" and plan to take on seniors, as well as parents, teens and

This latest move to take people to the food bank is a pilot project that could win transportation funding from Alberta

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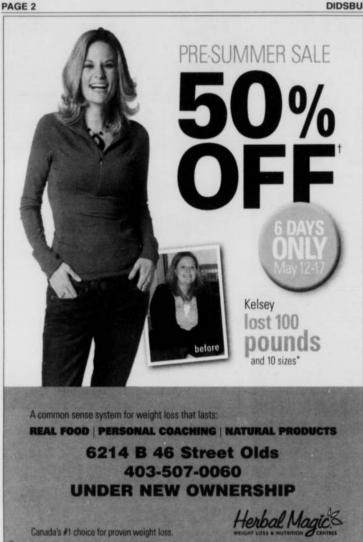
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## Didsbury hosts art series

TAMARA CUNNINGHAM Reveiw Staff

Didsbury storeowners are hoping to

paint this town as an artisan community beginning with this Saturday's Arts of

Four art stores have banded together to host a series of open houses, highlighting the area's artists and works. It is just the first part of a new campaign, geared towards helping Didsbury gain a reputation as an arts community.

"We want to promote this town for its artists, to give people a reason to come here and once they are in Didsbury they can see what else we have to offer," said Bill Anthony, owner of Unique Stained

"Right now everyone is doing their own thing and I think we realized in order to be successful at promoting our stores and our crafts, we need to work together, crosspromote, and publicize this area."

Anthony said the arts has taken a hit this year with dismal sales in January and February and little is being done to help sales improve. In the last two months he hasn't seen more than 25 people trickle into his downtown store

It doesn't help that the Town of Didsbury and Chamber of Commerce seem to be short on dollars and focused on long-term development.

us aren't. So there was definitely a hollow there that needed to be filled," Anthony said.

"And we didn't want to sit around and wait for someone to fill it. So we - White Raven, Gilded Gallery and Shorthorn Art Studio - got together to do this open house. If it brings more business to our stores that's great, but we think it will help other places downtown too."

Over 500 people from across the province were given invitations to Saturday's open house at trade fairs and craft shows, though anyone can join in the event, said Diana Steer, owner of Shorthorn Art Studio.

This is something new we are trying out to generate awareness about what we offer in Didsbury ... it should be

Steer will have art demonstrations at her supply shop on 20th Street, while Bill Anthony shows people how to cut glass. Gilded Gallery and White Raven will have several artists on hand to talk about their work, including Dee Poisson, Lody Van Den Berg and Bob Wilkins.

The free event runs from 11 a.m. to 4

If it goes well, the group could host an 'artisan day', where artists can show off their wares and do their own demonstra-

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## New twist on mission trip

Children don't play in the Dominican Republic, they teach

TAMARA CUNNINGHAM

A trip to the Dominican Republic held an unexpected twist for 14 youngsters

They were pulled out of class last month to help their parents run a vacation Bible camp in Monte Cristi but

wound up teaching at a public school instead.

"It wasn't at all what we expected ... but maybe worked out for the best," said Ben Christianson, 11.

"We helped out a lot of poor kids."

Parents and children as young as five, who went on the trip to the Dominican last April were supposed to work with nearly 40 youth at Orphanage Outreach. Their assignment changed when they arrived.

They had to teach over 75 children in the community's

public schools how to speak English. It was a daunting task, said Brian Christianson, par-

No one knew how to control a classroom let alone teach a squirming class of Spanish-speaking youth. And if that wasn't enough, many of the teachers treated the visit as a break

"As soon as we got there, the teachers were gone. They left us to the wolves. Their classrooms aren't like ours – fairly organized with a level of discipline – the kids are everywhere," Christianson said.

On the first day, students from kindergarten to Grade 4, rushed up to the youngsters from Didsbury and Olds and "mauled" them as they tried to reach out and touch the newcomers' hair.

'It was pretty scary for our kids. They were very up and crying ... they didn't want to go back into the schools after that. But we got them to go and things changed the more often they visited," Christianson said. Robin Sears, an Olds resident who took her three

children on the mission trip, said she was glad they ended up in public schools instead of the orphanage. The charges at the orphanage were well cared for. They had basketball and volleyball courts, food and clothes things a lot of the children in the community didn't "They were quite a bit poorer with not a whole lot of resources so I felt we had a bigger impact (at the schools)," she said.

The point of the trip was to involve children and let them see how less fortunate families in other countrie live, while introducing them to a new culture. And they

The 14 visiting children saw a different education system, where the students only go to school three hours a day and reach the Grade 5 level.

It made them "grateful for what they have at home"

but the trip also had the youngsters thinking about what makes them happy.

"Here were these kids, living in obvious poverty with tattered clothes and they had these huge smiles on their faces. Our children wondered how this could be. They thought of all the things they had at home the toys and equipment, and began to wonder what makes them truly happy," Sears said. "It's a lot to think about."

The group also took over four suitcases of dona-tions from the Olds and Didsbury area with school equipment, food, clothes and medical supplies. Horizon School in Olds and Didsbury's Zion Evangelical Missionary Church helped to gather the materials

Donations were scattered throughout the orphanage and community. A doctor loaded the medical supplies into his truck and brought it across the border in Haiti, where people are still recovering from the 7.0 magnitude quake in January.

was a rewarding trip, add Christianson and Sears. Though neither parent intends to head back to the coun-

That may change if Ben Christianson and Janaye Sears. 11, have anything to say about it.

"I'd like to go back. I think now that we have the hang of teaching and all that, we'd know what to expect,"

And it was really fun to play with all the kids. We went to the beach and played some basketball, which they are really, really good at.

## Didsbury author pens first book

TAMARA CUNNINGHAM

Didsbury's Beth Wiens is gearing up to write a sequel, one month after publishing new book, Bringing Them Home

"What can I say? This has been a really exciting experience and I want to continue on with the story," said the first-time author.

Five years and several rejections later, OakTara Publishing picked up her original script and put the book into mass production. It appeared i ared in Alberta bookstores and

The story follows parents, David and Cassy, who turn to home-schooling after realizing the public system isn't working for their four young children. Nine-year-old Nicole has her religious beliefs challenged by her Grade 4 teacher, while Jeremy, 8, is teased for struggling to read.

Making the switch to home education isn't easy. Not dren move through their teen years

only are their ideas of learning turned upside down but David and Cassy's decision to teach their children is challenged by their friends and family.

"The story is a fun fiction but it goes through all the basics people need to know about home-schooling. It talks about issues people can go through, especially when starting out," Wiens said.

"People don't always understand why parents choose home-schooling and usually ask a lot of questions ... like do kids get the same socialization. This book goes through all of that."

Wiens has been home-schooling her four daughters for the last 14 years, to get more involved in her family's lives and education. She is a strong advocate for home learning and "had a heart" to share her ssage with other families through the written word.

The sequel will follow the same family as their chil-



BETH WIENS

## False alarms trigger new bylaw

TAMARA CUNNINGHAM

Strict penalties could be in store as the town tries to manage a growing number of false alarms being tripped in this community.

Police responded to 84 bogus alarms at busine homes last year and 77 in 2008.

Fifty-eight of those alarms were from businesses and 11 rang out more than once, read a false alarm report given to council last week.

An unnamed business in town rang eight times. Residence alarms were tripped less often, with 26 in 2009. Police responded to three residences more than once and one residence had two false alarms over the

The local detachment reacts to every call, although 99 per cent are usually false said RCMP Sgt. Jeff Jacobson.

"We are seeing an increase in alarms but there is no increase in our resources ... so when it's false, it takes us away from more important calls, "Jacobson said.

That was a concern for councillors, who asked administration to craft a new bylaw. It could mean fines for alarms that go off more than once a year.

"I saw this issue in Calgary. There were all the houses and ... when they first put in motion detectors they'd close their door at night and turn on the alarm, birds would fly and alarms would go off," said Ernie Ryckman, councillor.

"Finally a bylaw or police regulation - I'm not sure which - passed so that you got one warning before the fines started and then, police had the right not to respond

at all. It solved the problem."

A bylaw gives the law "teeth" to deal with homes and businesses not taking responsibility for their bogus



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## Opinion

## Editorial

# Health consultations could be worthwhile

DAN SINGLETON



The Stelmach government has announced plans to conduct consultations with Albertans about the future of health care in the province.

Over the next five months a nine-member advisory committee will conduct consultations regarding the new

Alberta Health Act, identifying policy issues the government needs to address and providing advice on the new legislation.

The government says the new act will bring together more than 30 separate pieces of health legislation and more than 100 regulations, and will have common definitions to help funding, care and resources 'follow the patient rather than the facility'.

As part of the consultation process, the province's 12 health advisory councils will host a series of community consultations seeking input into the AHA.

While many residents, including right here in West Central Alberta, will no doubt have something to say about the future of health care and will be hoping that their suggestions will be given some weight, whether the government will take the public input to heart remains anyone's guess.

"This consultation process is an opportunity for Albertans to have a meaningful say regarding how to implement the recommendations of the Minister's Advisory Committee on Health," said Minister of Health and Wellness Gene Zwozkesky.

The consultations will result in a report being made to the government in the fall.

The Alberta Union of Provincial Employees is calling on Albertans to use the consultation process as an opportunity to insist the Stelmach government adhere to the Canada Health Act.

Specifically, the AUPE says the government should commit itself at the start of the consultation process to maintaining publicly funded health care.

"Albertans themselves need to make it crystal clear to the government that they do not want to see changes that will allow two-tier health care, and that they will hold the government to account for what it does after the committee it has handpicked to study these questions in the fall," said AUPE president Guy Smith.

The opposition parties have made similar calls for support of publicly funded health-care, regardless of the outcome of the consultation process.

While the controversy and debate over two-tier health care has cooled down over the past number of months, this new consultation process promises to put health care right back on the public agenda.

And since this process involves one of the most important pieces of health legislation put forward in Alberta for many years, public input in a broad and general sense is certainly needed.

Hopefully residents will take the time and make the effort to have their say on this important issue over the next five months. And also hopefully the government, now halfway through its mandate, will take the advice being offered to heart.



## Letters to the editor

## Funding cuts target womens' services

Check the mandates of women's groups suffering funding cuts. It's obvious funding is determined by meeting the criteria of government goals. What is worse, the Harper government is cutting funding at the heart of women's organizations, the structure where research takes place, and resulting information utilized by grassroots organizations to run more efficiently, be able to give timely and relevant information to women, and to engage/inform women at the grassroot levels, the problems experienced in the local area, both rural and urban.

It's going to harm women's shelters big time. Shelters do not have the time or the money to provide services that require research to first determine, then formulate a plan to tackle the problems that are affecting women locally

The Harper government claims there will be more money for the shelters, but the money will surely go to running the shelter, providing food, transportation, that currently are covered by fundraising and local donations, over and above the provincial and federal funding.

Women sitting in a shelter need timely and relevant information. In many cases, both levels of government provide general information that does little to help the woman to move from an unsafe environment to a safe environment. The women need detailed information, not general information. Information that gives step-by-step directions, to navigate government services, which can be a nightmare in itself. Let's not forget the legal information, that can become a vehicle to empowerment for the women.

Who is next? What segment of the population will be targeted? Will it be the John Howard Societies? The national literacy organizations? Or will the senior pensioners be targeted, like the seniors in Greece who can look forward to decreases in their pension cheques, to help out in paying for the policy blunders of the government?

Nancy Clarke Grand Bank, NL

## Scandals take away from the real issue

Don't people just love a sex-drugs scandal or the whiff of it? More than chocolate, more than double-doubles, people love a good story about how the mighty are fallen. But what happened here that affects you and me? Nothing. None of our tax money went out the door to fund this road show, though now it might, investigating its titillating details.

Meanwhile a trainwreck is happening of much more immediate impact, and nobody is noticing. How convenient.

Funding has been slashed to most women's groups across the country. All Ontario kids will now be warehoused from birth in cradle to Grade 12 locations so parents can tote that barge and lift that bale away from the lazy self-indulgence of actually tending a child. How many cries of children need we hear, the neglected, the bullied, the shy, the aggressive all who feel they need

more time with someone who actually loves them? How many little kids will grow up undisciplined because the state will not actually have standards but will just code and medicate anyone who does not tow the line? How many kids will turn to drugs or gang membership to get the love and attention, the excitement or security they yearn for?

Do we have to have a whole generation enter its own residential school nightmare before male governments clue in that something besides the bottom line and money and the business lunch might matter? Cry for the children. I have no tears for Guergis or Raffer. They are amusing little tragedies but handy diversions for governments that are actually slashing spending on our most vulnerable. Cry for the children.

Beverley Smith Calgary

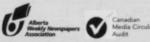
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MUNICIPAL PLANNING COMMISSION:

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DP 10-35	1274 - 23 Avenue	Single Family Dwelling (with conditions)	R2

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## Didsbury nurse helps treat patients overseas

BY SYLVIA COLE Review Staff

Waking up to serene mountain views and a gorgeous ris ing sun is a memory Lynn Martens of Carstairs won't for-

Martens has just arrived back after spending two weeks in Nicaragua helping the less fortunate with basic medical and vision needs.

Martens, a public health nurse at the Didsbury Hospital, has always wanted to help people living in other countries. She heard about a trip with Samaritan's Purse from a friend who'd done work overseas with the non-profit.
"I know many of my colleagues who have done this and

I really wanted to go and see beyond the small community," she said.

She and 18 other medical staff from the Calgary area spent their time travelling to different communities and setting up medical clinics for people to use.



"People would sit along a bench and a doctor would come see each person ... it wasn't anything like in Canada where you have your own private rooms," she explained.

Three doctors went with the Calgary group and part nered up with local physicians when they got to

Martens said the medical centres were usually set up in abandoned buildings with tin roofs and partial walls made from cinder blocks

On the first night of arriving residents from the commu nity gathered in the meeting area and greeted them with Latino evangelical singing.

"They met us with great gusto," she said adding that

everyone was gracious and happy for the help.

Martens said they treated 85 to 105 people a day. It seemed that most people weren't receiving enough vitamins because of their high carbohydrate diet of rice and beans. She said high blood pressure and diabetes were also common because tropical fruits are high in sugar.

One case she remembers well is that of a two-month-old baby that was very ill and dehydrated.

was speaking with the doctors afterwards and they said if the baby hadn't come in, it might not have made it. said Martens.

The physicians treated the baby with some hydrating formula and gave the mother supplies to help treat her

Of all her experiences, it's the differences between the medical system in Canada and Nicaragua she will remem-

You see a modern city not well kept because of devastations ... and the long-term effects of not restoring is crime and poverty," she said explaining that travelling the distance from Lucky Way restaurant in Carstairs to the Esso isn't a distance you can travel alone in Nicaragua. But, she said despite the poverty, she never saw happi

er children, especially when her group rolled up their sleeves and started digging trenches for the construction of a kindergarten building.

The nurses working through Samaritan's Purse, fundraised \$10,000 before leaving Calgary to build so a school. At the site, doctors and other staff formed an assembly line to pass cinderblocks along that would make up the walls

They spent four days building the school and although they didn't complete it, the community said they'd do the finishing touches.

"I think I took more pictures of children than anything else," said Martens who returned with over 1, 000 pic

"They loved having their picture taken and being able to review them afterwards.

Martens said she'd love to do this again in the future because the experience was worth it.

"It was a great chance to look through a different lens and see things differently . you can look through as many pictures as you want but you don't get a feel for a different culture until you actually live it.

## Drag races spinning tires

BY TAMARA CUNNINGHAM

Race enthusiasts pushing for a weekend drag event got mixed reviews from the county's airport committee

Last Thursday, three Didsbury residents took the podium to discuss a new racing event at the Olds-Didsbury Airport that could boost this region's economy and

Members of the board admitted it sounded exciting but aren't sure if they want it in their backyard

There's no doubt this would be great for the region and if other places like Drayton Valley and Calgary can do it why can't we?" said Everett Page, county councillor and airport committee membe

(This group) saw the airstrip as a viable option for the event so we'll weigh that ... but we are doing a lot with the airport and I'm not sure if a one weekend a year event fits in with those plans."

Page said board members had concerns about holding a drag racing event at the airport, including how busines on the strip would be compensated.

A racing event would temporarily shut down the flying school and prevent planes from touching down to get fuel. Three thousand litres of fuel is sold on an average

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## Police Week 2010

## Keep up the good work

Police Week pays tribute to the work of police officers across Canada. This year, Canadian Police Week will be held from May 9 -15 and many events across the country are scheduled to honour the services

of police officers.

The week has four specific objectives: to act as a vehicle with which to reinforce ties with the communito honour police officers for the public safety and security they pro-vide to their communities; to promote the work carried out by the police in their communities; and to inform the community about the role

Royal Canadian

Mounted Police (RCMP) is

Canada's national police

enforcing the law, prevent-ing crime and protecting

Canadians. From its roots as the North-West

Mounted Police disman-

tling the whiskey trade in

railroads and the northern

frontier, to its role today

combating organized crime and terrorism, the RCMP is both steeped in history and tradition, and on the leading edge of

Today's RCMP repre-sents a modern police force, but one that has

retained links with its proud past. The scarlet tunic and the black horse

are still important symbols

policing.

west, to protecting the

responsible

of the police with regard to public safety and security.

It is the right time to show our appreciation to the outstanding offi cers in our communities who work to keep our streets safe. Canadians can be proud in knowing that police officers from across the country bring a very high level of profession-alism, courage and commitment to their work in order to protect our families

During Police Week, the federal government and the Canadian Association of Chiefs of Police (CACP) also take measures to edu-

Beyond the Red Serge

popular

force.

cate Canadians about the direct impact of organized crime, something that exists in almost all communities, right under our noses. At www.organizedcrime.ca, Canadians can learn the facts about organized crime, get tips on how to protect them- selves and the manner in which to report organized criminal activity in their mmunity.

If you meet law enforcement offiers during Canadian Police Week, take a moment to congratulate them and to tell them to keep up their

later became the RCMP.

For more than 120 years, the RCMP Academy, Depot

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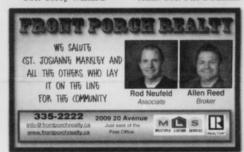
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The RCMP has been involved in international peace operations since 1989, and RCMP members serve on missions with Canadian partner police agencies. In 1873, Prime Minister

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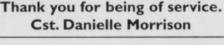
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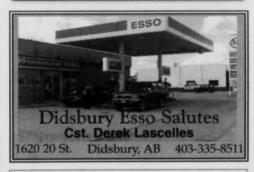
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BY TAMARA CUNNINGHAM Review Staff

It was a reunion of sorts Saturday as car enthusiasts gathered in Didsbury to show off their machines.

Over 250 entrants lined up along Main Street and 19th Avenue – many of whom have come back year after year to catch a glimpse of their colleagues' new work and display their own.

Didsbury's Roscoe Plontke rumbled into his parking space with a 2000 Lamborghini Diablo. It took him three years to build the car's frame and upholster the interior. Finally he had something to reveal, he said.

The car drew one of the largest crowds of the day.

About 800 people toured downtown for the 18th annual Didsbury Show n' Shine. There were modern sports cars to original trucks. Food was flipped at the Didsbury Train Station, while Didsbury's boy scouts washed down cars at the recreation complex.

"It was a great show," said Lenn Smith, who displayed his original 1928 Model A Fordor.

Smith is a former organizer who helped start up the show nearly two decades ago and said it continues to draw in healthy crowds and good business for stores downtown.

"People not only get to see cars in old downtown but they can do a little shopping and see what this community is all about," he said.

"I know of several people who came to this show, saw Didsbury for the first time and recognized it as a place to come back to or even live."

The Didsbury Show n' Shine started 18 years ago after the Chamber of Commerce requested a hot rod show to draw in people for a Friday midnight shopping event. The event was later moved to Saturday.

"At one point organizers had enough of all this and were going to shut the event down but there was a huge outcry from merchants - who said no way. This is one of the largest draws to get people from out of town to the area," Smith said.

"And look today – you have a phenomenal crowd ... as far as the eye can see and businesses are just reaping the rewards."

President of the Didsbury Show n' Shine, Grant Svendsen said the committee is very pleased with this year's turnout. People came from Calgary, Three Hills and Edmonton – and as far as Houston, Texas to show a "good variety" of machines.

They had nothing but good things to say about the atmosphere of downtown.

"Main Street is where cruise nights happened years ago ... so this is the perfect backdrop for all these cars. There's an old and natural charm about the street," Svendsen said.

Over \$2,000 was raised for the Mountain View Food Bank and a pickup truck full of non-perishable food collected. The cost of entering the show was a donation.

Three cars won people's choice awards on Saturday. Calvin Traub of Calgary took a trophy for his 1923 Ford Coup, while Didsbury's Donna Leeson won for her 1957 Nash Metropolitan and Jeanette Dezall of Spruce View for her 1949 Chevrolet 1300 pickup.

Dave Thibodeau, from Calgary won the Mayor's Choice award for his 1951 Mercury and Tery and Lorainna Plester took the long distance award for bringing their 1969 Plymouth Barracuda up from Houston, Texas.

The Didsbury Show n'
Shine committee also
gave out a hard luck
award. Usually it's for a
driver whose car breaks
down on the highway or
experiences mechanical
troubles, but this year a
new kind of winner
emerged.

An unnamed driver felt sick after a breakfast stop on the way to Didsbury. Organizers had to rush him to the hospital, where he missed the show.

"Now that's what we call hard luck," Svendsen





David Marcynuik, 9, and brother Dawson, 6, take a break on their grandparents' 1939 Fargo.



It's all about what's under the hood for Brianna Glass, 5.

Photos by Tamara Cunningham / Didsbury Review



Doug Giesbrecht, John Tupper and Harold Craig take a break from show n' off.





Bruce Weese applies a vinyl strip to a 48 ft. stacker trailer.



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Bruce Weese finished designing a race trailler last week. It's one of 14 vehicles commissioned to the Didsbury businessman by the Webster race team. Below: Jirka Kaplan races his Bearspaw car, wrapped by Weese.

## Good wrap

#### Bruce Weese gaining reputation in race world

BY TAMARA CUNNINGHAM Review Staff

Bruce Weese strips the backing from a piece of 3M vinyl and lays it on a carefully roadster, smoothing out the edges with a squeegee until the material looks airbrushed onto the machine.

The devil is in the detail. Weese started putting vinyl onto machines in his Didsbury shop almost three years ago and is already gaining a reputation among Canada's race car drivers as a talented body wrapper.

He can take a body in any state - decals on, decals off, painted or stripped - and transform it into a bold, colourful

car in two days.
"The hardest part is the design. People come in with a basic idea. They want a certain colour or flames or skulls and I have to create something to match that vision," said Weese, owner of Snappy's graphics.

cars. Any blemishes or outlines will show up vinyl beneath the Graphics are printed onto the material and laminat-ed to last before Weese drapes it over the cowl and then the sides of the race car. Air bubbles and creases are smoothed with a squeegee until the

"Racers aren't going to settle for a sloppy job so we really go over every-thing very carefully," he

It's the attention to detail that drew the eye of Calgary racer and NHRA Hot Rod Heritage Racing winner, Jirka Kaplan, who wrapped his 1963 Corvette and most recent-Sylvan Lake's Ken Webster.

Webster, formerly funny car driver for

He strips decals off the

Synoil's team commis sioned known also the racing m the racing world as Big Fat Daddy Wrapper - to outfit 14 vehicles. It's considered one of the largest body vinyl is seamless. It can be painstaking work, he said. wraps for a private team

in the country. "I've raced through 23 states (in America) and throughout Canada and the biggest private team had three or four cars - so yeah, I'd say this is pretty big. I didn't think I'd be doing it all at one time, but here I am," Webster

Webster is hitting the ack with his family track

this year - including his 22-year-old and 16-yearold sons - and wants them to look like a professional

race team. His daughter plans to join the trio on the circuit next year, when she turns

"I want people to spot us on the track and know we belong to the same team. So these cars will have different colours but the same design element, said.

Webster has never used

vinyl on his dragsters. always opting for paint. But this seems to be the trend, he

Body wrapping allows for extravagant designs anything that can be created on a computer can be put on a car. Vinyl is also removable to allow racers to switch appearances or

sponsors week to week.

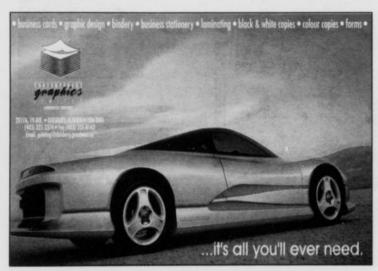
And it's not just about looks. Aerodynamics fig-ure into this too, Webster

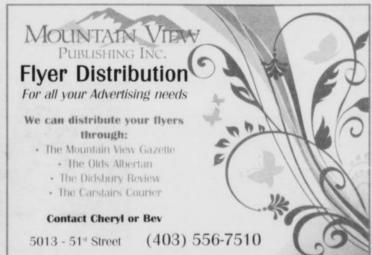
Most body wraps weigh anywhere from 9 to 18 pounds and don't build up over time like paint can.

Outfitting a dra costs about \$4,000. dragster contract with Webster, which includes six dragsters, three pit vehicles and a roadster, will be worth upwards of \$50,000.

It's a feather in the cap of Big Fat Daddy Wrapper who hopes this job will carve a niche for his shop in the race car circuit - or bring in new customers.

"I have always said I can wrap just about anything, so I'd like to try some corporate buildings in Calgary or a helicopter those are next on my list," he said.





# Community Resources

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### Race

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The airport committee is also looking to breathe new life into the airport by selling off lots for aircraft hangars, repairs and rentals and airportrelated commercial and industrial facilities and isn't sure how new business owners would feel about large crowds, noise and possible damage to runways

'We didn't shut the idea down ... and we wouldn't want to chase them away so we've recommended this to council and asked they look for more information," Page said.

"We still have a lot of questions.

The presenters - Mayor Brian Wittal, Dana Munn and Gil Enns - asked to use the airport runway for two years, as they try and gauge how the event benefits the region. If the drag race draws a good crowd, the group could consider building its own

"With the (Calgary's Race City) slated to close

over the next two seasons, there is a great opportunity to fill a void in the Calgary area for race enthusiasts and fans alike that will turn this into a premier racing event in the province," wrote the group in a speech to the airport committee.

The plan is to start a non-profit organization with a board that would oversee the event. Service clubs in the Didsbury and Olds area would be paid to help with parking, traffic con-trol and concessions, while the region's indus-trial arts high school program gets involved in

operating the race.
"There are many opportunities for further cominvolvement, munity such as bringing local tal-ent in to perform at the races over the weekend as well," the group wrote.

Munn, a drag racer and owner of DCM Homes, said the proposal seemed to go over well with the airport committee. It's now up to the county councillors to thrown down the green flag.

"We hadn't gone very deep as far as projections and business plan because we thought the committee might shoot this idea down ... but now that we are moving on, we'll get research," he said.

Hosting a drag race is a "no-brainer" for this area as far as Munn is con-cerned and he hopes county councillors are of the same mindset.

Twenty people turned out to the first drag race meeting and drivers on the race circuit have already expressed interest in bringing their machines to the airport. The show could also attract over 1,000 drivers and spectators to the area, who could also access local eateries,

hotels and campgrounds. Several Alberta communities are holding drag races, including Hanna, Drayton Valley, Grande Prairie and Fairview but few are as close to the national circuit as the Olds-Didsbury Airport

The airport is six kilo-netres off Hwy 2, metres between the

International Hot Rod Association's on the Castrol Raceway in Edmonton and Nationals in Grand Bend. Ontario.

"There is a two-week period between these two races where we can attract some big cars from the States. They from the States. aren't going to drive back to Kentucky before the next Canadian event. They are going to stay around here and we can get them to come to our event," Munn said.

"We can run this race anywhere - Sundre or Airdrie - but we want to keep it local. This can Sundre bring in a lot of money to the airport and the community. I only hope (the county) sees it that way.

### Baseball popular

BY TAMARA CUNNINGHAM

This year the Didsbury Minor Ball Association is bursting at the seams

"It's amazing. We hear all these other sport teams are seeing lower numbers this year and we have so many kids we had to turn some away," said Sharon Geist, president of Didsbury Minor Ball.

Baseball is really making a comeback.

Twenty-five players signed on for the Rookie level, which usually takes 14, while the T-ball level has three teams, up from one in 2009. The other levels

three teams, up from one in 2009. The other levels are on par with last year, especially after the Westerdale league folded into the local association. Peewee coach, Ed Krebs, said his former Westerdale team didn't have enough players to have their own league this year. Many of the girls turned to Calgary or Sundre, while the boys went to Didsbury. Didsbury.

I was hoping there right up until the end that we'd have enough boys and girls to form a team but we just couldn't get the commitment," Krebs said.

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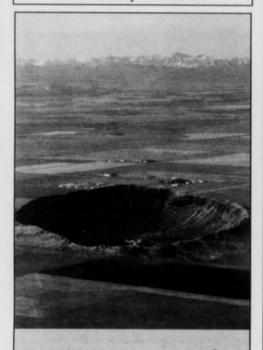
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## In and Around Didsbury

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#### May 4-14

There will be a Silent Auction of Painted Canvas bags at the Didsbury Library. Final bidding will be at the Book Sale on May 15 at 1 p.m.

#### Fri. May 14

All are welcome to attend the Strawberry Tea, Bake Sale and Craft Sale at Aspen Ridge Lodge starting at 2 p.m.

You are welcome to come to the 5-0 Club to play cribbage starting at 7 p.m. You will enjoy the coffee and goodies served also.

#### Sun. May 16

You will enjoy a free swim at the Aquatic Centre from 1 p.m. to 3 p.m. Then you are invited to Rosebud Hall for the family potluck dinner starting

#### Thurs. May 20

There will be no activities at Eldon Foote Hall today, as the seniors are on a Mystery Bus Tour.

#### Mon. May 24

Have a safe holiday this weekend

#### Wed. May 26

This is the day of the Community Bus Casino Trip to Calgary, leaving the complex at 3:30 p.m. Please phone Bea at (403) 335-3058 to reserve your

#### Thurs. May 27

The C.O.W. bus is coming to Didsbury. Grab your little ones and head on down to the train station from 9 a.m. til 1 p.m. to enjoy this "Classroom on Wheels". Mountain View Family Literacy brings this wonderful experience to our town. Parent Link, Public Health and the Didsbury Library will also be providing a family fair inside the train station with activities and information for all.

#### Sat. May 29

Word in the West Literacy Fest is back at the County Building on Highway 2A. The libraries in Mountain View County are putting together a festival of literacy from 1 p.m. to 4 p.m. including stories, talks, trade fair, crafts, fun and more! Admission is by donation.

#### May 31 - June 5

This is Safe Kids Week - come and see the public display at the hospital. The theme is "Got Wheels – Get a Helmet". Didsbury Public Health along with Parent Link will be doing a Mini Bike Rodeo – Carstairs on June 9, 10:30 a.m., Didsbury on June 15, 11:30 a.m., Cremona on June 16, ?? Phone Public Health (403) 335-7292 for more details

The Didsbury Elks and the O.O.R.P. who always have such a wonderful parade to start the Ag Society's Annual Fair and Rodeo (being held this year on Aug. 21 and 22) have chosen as the theme for the parade "100 Years of Boy Scouting".

HIGH FASHION - Karen Flack-Buettner struts her stuff during the Order of the Royal Purple's Spring into Spring Fashion Show and Supper, Saturday. The event is one of the largest fundraisers for the Royal Purple. It drew a full house.

#### Baseball

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Krebs brought Westerdale team to provincials last year and still has hopes the rural team will get started again in 2011. In the meantime his focus is on creating a solid team in Didsbury.

There are a lot of new players - kids who have never played before. We are starting from scratch but they seem to be learn-ing real quick," he said.

The association gained three other coaches for the

T-ball league.

This year brought other changes to the association, including a \$10 registration

The increased fee is a result of a decision by the Town of Didsbury to start a new user-rate system for Memorial Park this season. The association is now billed \$100 for each regis-tered team and \$200 for any tournaments held. Costs will cover maintenance for the fields, year round.

It was considered an "unfair" move last October that could make the sport unaffordable for large fam-

The association says it's tried to keep registration costs low and has moved on from the issue, although the user rate remains a bitter pill to swallow.

Most towns seem to charge a lump sum to use the diamond for a couple months but Didsbury charging us for each team. It still doesn't make any sense to us," Geist said.

The town offered to help if fees became a problem with aid through Neighborhood Place "but the only thing they did was give us a web-site to get funding from and we don't qualify for that because we aren't a registered society," Geist said.

"We just had to work around these new fees ourselves

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## dsbury Peewees take charge

BY TAMARA CUNNINGHAM

The peewee Didsbury Chargers are getting comfortable in the win column this week after securing their fifth consecutive win against the Red Deer Chiefs, Saturday.

They won 5-1 against their opponents after taking an aggressive lead in the first period.

"They racked up four points in the first period and just kept the other guys running ... took the wind right out of their sails," said Pat Hobbs, coach.

Kyle Coutts fired the first goal, while Graysen Cameron,

Boody Shields and Tyson Bosonworth took the next three.
The Chiefs gained by one in the third period before Caden
Switzer scored for the 5-1 win.
"It wasn't their best game but we'll take the win," Hobbs

He's hoping his team steps up their game in the coming weeks against Innisfail and Kneehill. The record is a 12 straight win and his team has the potential to break it, Hobbs added.

"We just need to work on our power plays and setups," said Switzer, who scored late in the game.

"It was a rough and dirty game out there today and we could have gotten ahead a little more if we picked up in those

The next game is at 7 p.m. in the Didsbury Memorial Complex May 28 against Kneehill Bulldogs



Kyle Coutts turns away from a Red Deer defender during a league game in Didsbury, Saturday.

## **Olds Athletics** ready to go

began on the weekend, it'll be another week until the first pitch on the expansion Olds Athletics inaugural se son is thrown.

Son is thrown.

The A's will be in Carstairs to take on their expansion brethren, the Carstairs Cubs on Tuesday, May 18. The Cubs opened their first-ever campaign in the eight-team loop with a 4-0 loss to the always-tough Beiseker Canadians last week.

Two days after the season opener, the A's will be opening their home schedule against the Red Deer Razorbacks at the O.R. Hedges diamond three. Game time both nights is 6:30 p.m.

The A's will be playing a 17-game schedule in the men's AA league before playoffs, which are slated for Lacombe on Aug. 6-8. The league's all-star game is July 17 at Great Chief Park in Red Deer.

The team's roster is comprised of players from Olds,

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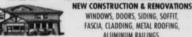
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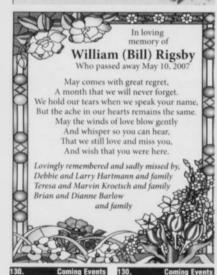
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